

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 686 - SB 1205**

March 1, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits an employee or volunteer of a domestic violence shelter, crisis line, or victim services provider from disclosing various types of relevant information, communication, or records pertaining to services provided to victims of domestic abuse, sexual offenses, trafficking, and stalking. Establishes criteria that must be considered in order for a court to compel disclosure of such information. Establishes that such a victim's consent is not implied when the victim is a party to a judicial, legislative, or administrative proceeding, and that the victim may waive the privilege of such information only by express written consent.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation establishes rights of confidentiality for victims of the named offenses. It does not alter the policies or procedures in any judicial, legislative, or administrative proceeding that would significantly alter or lengthen the expected course of such proceedings.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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